

LIFETIMES



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Paid in Full

"If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared." Psalm 130, 3-4

"I will forgive their iniquity and their sin I will
remember no more." Jeremiah 31:34

"If your brother sins, rebuke him;
and if he repents, forgive him." Luke 17:3



Nicole, holding 2 year old **Annisha**, came to Gateway asking that we have a dedication service for her. Nicole is a believer but had Annisha out of wedlock. She's repented of this and desires to raise Annisha to know Christ. The church she attends refused her request. The elders of Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield, NJ did not. On Sunday February 5th. Nicole dedicated herself to bringing up Annisha in the 'the nurture (moral training) and admonition (exhortation) of the Lord.'

(Pictured with Nicole and Annisha are her close friends, Isolnia and Wildren Orlean, their two children, Gateway volunteer Francine Lee, and Dean Gavaris)

Thank you



Reuben and Rafael are very thankful for Gateways annual Christmas party, as are Marilia and baby Kevin.

Gateway volunteers donated many gifts for this family in need.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris



Are you 'on focus' ?

The agenda-driven life by Cal Thomas

"What is it with evangelical Christians that so many of them need a cause beyond the commission they've been given? This time, the issue isn't abortion, gay rights, or cleaning up offensive TV programs. They want to clean up the planet. Should influencing the White House be the primary or even a major objective for evangelicals..?"

A better objective would be to follow another statement made not by a committee but by a single individual who claims ownership of His church and requires obedience to all who would follow Him: "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

Jesus also called on His disciples — then and now — "to obey everything I have commanded you." A quick look does not reveal those teachings as having anything to do with global warming or the environment.

Rather, He calls individuals to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and pray for those who persecute them.

Evangelicals should pursue these higher virtues instead of settling for the lower life of politics. John the Apostle warns, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. ... The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:15,17)

If evangelicals make the environment another "cause," they are likely to be as frustrated and disappointed as when they exercised misplaced faith in politics to cure other social evils.

Should they desire a real effect on the planet, let them return to the eternal message that has been given them to share with a world that needs it now more than ever. That is a message which "cleans up" the inside of the hearts of men and women and places them in a position to more powerfully influence this world and prepare themselves and others for the world to come."

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Lives affected during 2006 @ Gateway Pregnancy Center..

*Counseled 975 women, 76 of whom made a commitment to Christ
Saw 215 babies born to these women
Gave out **hundreds of pounds** of baby items and baby furniture
Counseled **dozens** of boyfriends and husbands
Performed approximately **66** sonograms
Celebrated a combined **20 years** in ministry (Archway & Gateway)*

Where we've been / Where we're going - 2006

January

12, 14, 19, and 21 Volunteer Training Sessions

- 15 10am: Cranford Alliance Church, Cranford: am service
2:30-4:30pm: Baby Shower: Lady of Mt. Carmel, Nutley
"Sharing the gospel in a crisis pregnancy center"
- 22 Hydewood Park Baptist, N. Plainfield, NJ: SOHL
- 29 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian, Westfield NJ :
Sunday school and am service: SOHL

February

- 17 Faith Gospel Tabernacle, Irvington
Youth group seminar on abortion and the Harder Truth
- 27 to April 10, 2006: The Hope Center (Elizabeth, NJ) –
Crisis Pregnancy Counseling: one night a week for two hours
for 8-weeks

March

- 1 NYC (Elizabeth, NJ) Relief 'Blast Off' rally
- 2, 4, 9, and 11 Volunteer Training in Irvington, NJ
- 3 Cranford Alliance Church Youth @ GPC Irvington
- 10 Jefferson Street School, Elizabeth "YES" program.
Chastity talk to males.

April

- 2 Calvary Tabernacle, Elizabeth: Sanctity of Life Sunday

May

- 20 Walk-for-Life: Warinanco Park, Elizabeth/Roselle

June

- 2nd Annual Golf-a-thon (location TBA)

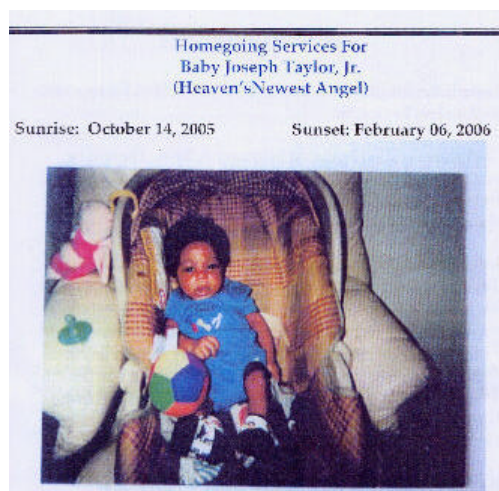
October

- 19 Annual Stewardship Banquet

November

- 4 1- day Seminar on Crisis Pregnancy Counseling Saturday,
9-5 pm @ the East Coast School of Urban Ministry,
Elizabeth, NJ

Pray for Fatimah! Her 3 ½ month boy died suddenly. Many in her family are believers. Pray that she too might come to Christ.



Our current training @ the East Coast School of Urban Ministry, Elizabeth, NJ: February 27 – April 10, 2006



Rev. Juan Galloway leads worship at the 'blast off' for this semester.

Gateway is presenting a 7-week training on biblical crisis counseling, as we did in 2004.



Below, students Monica Dyson and Jillian Siegal



Our Next Training

April 20, 22, 27 and 29, 2006
@ Gateway Irvington

Join Us!

Training in the following

- The Biblical view of the sanctity of human life
- Crisis intervention relative to pregnancy
- Developing good listening skills / Counseling basics / Crisis intervention relative to Pregnancy / Developing good listening skills
- The 'how's' and 'why's' of biblical confrontation
- HIV, condoms, RU-486 / The Planned Parenthood/Black American connection
- Chastity counseling / Biblical post abortion healing
- The adoption option / Counseling boyfriends/husbands / How to make a good referral
- Avoiding the "Drama Triangle" / Sharing Christ with women in a crisis pregnancy plus .. much more!



French and Spanish speaking volunteers are needed, as are male counselors. RN's and LPN's needed for our sonogram ministry.

Other areas of service besides peer counseling are available.

For details:
973-399-8378 or
www.gateway.org/content/pdf/Volunteer



Lisa Brennan @ Cranford Alliance Church: January 15, 2006



Lillie @ Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ: January 29, 2006

PICTURE GALLERY



Many thanks to Dean's personal friend, John C. MacIver, for his many hours of work in Irvington producing tracts and newsletters for the Gateway ministry.

"For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." Hebrews 6:10



A Christmas note from Tyamba's mom, Ingrid

This Christmas, we are celebrating the birth of Christ and the many blessings he has bestowed on us. We are thanking him in all that we do and for all that we are. For we have truly experienced the miracles of Christ. For it is he that has made our family whole.

Our family wishes you peace and happiness during this holiday season. May God continue to bless and keep you within his tender loving arms. If your in need of healing...God's got it. If you need peace...God's got it. If your looking for a miracle...look at me...just believe and you too shall receive.

*Peace & Love
Gerald, Ingrid, Tyamba, Charles & Christian*



Dean shares Christ at January 22nd pro-life rally in Trenton, NJ



Thank you to all the ladies of the Evangel Assembly of God Church (Scotch Plains) Women's Missionary Society for knitting beautiful blankets and donating baby items to the Gateway ministry



Gateway disp lays and gives out gospel literature to those of other faiths, among them Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, and Muslims. Our desire is for them to come to Christ.

Patrice comes to Christ!

Patrice, is age 15. Her boyfriend is 17. She spoke with Dorothy at Gateway – Irvington on December 1st. Dorothy shared with her that sex outside of marriage is not what God intended for her. She further explained that Patrice could have a personal relationship with God by committing her life to Christ as Savior. Patrice prayed to trust Christ for the forgiveness of her sins. Dorothy will continue to follow up with her.

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